The scheme operates in conjunction with TRYSEM and IRDP.

Under the 8th Plan also, emphasis has been laid on the improvement of quality of employment in the unorganised sector units in terms of earnings, conditions of work and social secuirty.

Rationalisation of Wages

7670. SHRI JIBON ROY: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Committee of Labour Ministers constituted by the Labour Ministry for the purpose of rationalisa tion of wages has recommended the in troduction of variable dearness allow ances system linking the rise of consu mer price index with wages; and

(b) if so, when that Committee sub mitted the recommendations and what steps have been taken by Government to implement the recommendations?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) and (b) As a follow up to the recommendations of the 41st Labour Minister's Conference held in August, 1992, a Committee consisting of the Labour Ministers of the 11 States, namely, Arunchal Pradesh, Assam, Goa, Gujarat, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Mizoram, Pondicherry, Rajashtan, Sikkim and West Bengal was constituted under the chairmanship of Labour Minister of West Bengal. The Committee finalised its recommendations in its last meeting held on August 6, 1993. The Committee while delibrating on the agenda issue of, "Uniform Policy regarding Minimum Wages", has, *interalia,* recommended that the minimum wages should have a component of variable dearness allowance linked with the consumer price index number to be adjusted at reasonable rates, so as to neutralise per point rise in price on the basis of half yearly average automatically. The Government, as a follow up of the recommendations of the National Commission on Rural Labour, which also made a similar recommendation, have already conveyed this to all the State Governments/U.Ts. Administration for their consideration and necessary action.

Fulfilment of Demands *of* Workers

7671. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state : (a) whether he had recently claimed that 90 per cent of the demands of the workers put forwad by the Central Labour Unions about two and a half years ago had been fulfilled; and

(b) if so, the details of those demands and the manner of their fulfilment till date?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Trade Unions had made the following demands :

1. Pension Scheme
2. Raising Bonus Ceiling
3. Finalising the DA slabs for PSU employees
4. Wage revision in. PSUs.
5. Bringing of PF coverage to all em- ployees
6. Increasing PF contribution in the Textile industry to 10 per cent etc.
7. Revival of sick units.
8. Setting up of Second National Commission for labour
9. Labour Cell in Planning Commis mission.

The following demands have been ful- filled.

(i) *Wape Revision in PSUs:* The DPE have issued guidelines for the 5tb round of wage negotiations under which the management of PSUs have been delegated full autonomy to conclude long-term settlements with their workers unions.